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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 3-2-53

WEATHER Temperatures averaged considerably below normal over the northwestern portion of the State to considerably above in the southeast. Snow and blowing snow with near blizzard conditions occurred over the week-end, with heavy amounts over the southeastern and extreme north-central and northwestern portions of the State. Amounts were light to moderate over much of the remainder of the State.

CROPS Reports on wheat vary from fair to good. There was considerable snow during the last 10 days of the month to March 1. Most of it blew off the wheat fields due to high winds. Some spotted damage to wheat from winds is reported from the lighter soil areas -- Sheridan, Box Butte, Banner and Kimball counties. Cheyenne, the largest wheat county, reports a highly favorable outlook for wheat. Damage from wind and lack of moisture was reported from some southwestern counties. Reports state that wheat that sprouted in late winter is making progress.

Stormy weather delayed farm field work. A considerable number of farm auction sales were reported, with farm machinery selling at fair to good prices. Some shortages of seed for spring planting are reported but generally the supply seems to be ample with satisfactory germination tests. There is considerable interest in commercial fertilizer with the supply varying from short to ample. Some counties report a shortage of farm labor while others report an ample supply at present. Many country roads are still in very bad shape. Since the frost was out of the ground, Feb. snow has added considerable subsoil moisture in stubble and corn fields that held the snow.

LIVESTOCK A few losses of calves due to recent storms are reported. Snow closed the range, particularly in northwestern counties. Hay supply is generally ample, with a few reports of short supplies. Cattle feed lots are very muddy due largely to drifting snow. The heavy drop in cattle prices is still a subject for discussion with varied opinions as to the present and future of the industry.

Greater interest in hogs is evidenced by the increased demand and higher prices of bred sows and young pigs. There seems to be a tendency of some increase in pig production. Nebraska produced nearly 5 million lbs. of wool last year as compared with 3.9 million lbs. in 1951. Price averaged 47¢ against 84¢ a lb. in 1951.

January shipments of cattle to country points totaled nearly 37,000 head, the same as January a year ago. The nine Cornbelt States showed an increase of 35% in shipments to country points. January shipments of lambs from Nebraska country points in January was down 20% but up 11% for the nine Cornbelt States.

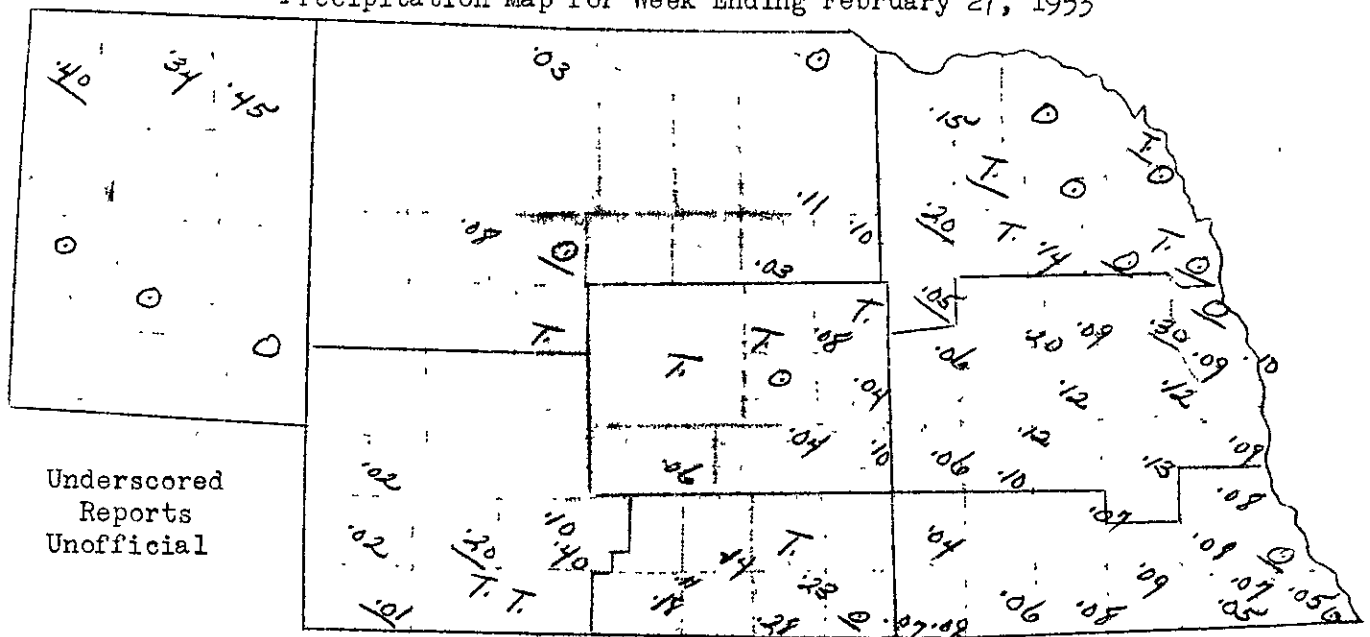
Complete data on February shipments of cattle to country points is not available yet but preliminary data indicates they will be down considerably. February shipments from Omaha to country points are a little more than half of February a year ago.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 2, 1953

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .22	Burwell .23	Chadron .88
Lincoln .51	Lexington .28	Imperial .23
Norfolk .20	North Platte .37	Scottsbluff .20
Omaha .26	Valentine .52	Sidney .14
Sioux City .17		

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Precipitation Map for Week Ending February 27, 1953



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		February				March			
		24th		25th		26th		27th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	36	8	31	5	34	22	47	28
	Scottsbluff	42	18	28	11	40	24	53	23
	Sidney	39	20	26	14	37	19	51	22
N-C	Burwell	--	--	--	--	35	25	48	33
	Valentine	39	16	29	18	34	24	44	32
NE	Norfolk	43	23	36	28	37	30	49	34
	Sioux City	42	24	36	28	38	30	48	31
CEN.	Grand Island	51	30	51	28	40	28	53	36
	Lexington	48	25	37	24	40	25	56	30
E-C	Lincoln	55	37	50	30	42	32	57	37
	Omaha	55	32	47	31	40	33	54	36
SW	Imperial	40	24	29	14	40	24	56	22
	North Platte	39	24	30	25	37	20	54	30

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